

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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October 15, 2001

The Department of Water Resources is pleased to announce the next Plenary Group Meeting associated with relicensing the Oroville Facilities (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100). A proposed agenda for the meeting is enclosed. The meeting is scheduled for:

**November 1, 2001
5 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Oroville Sports Club
Oro Health Conference Room
2600 Oroville Dam Boulevard
Oroville, California**

We are also posting this information on our Oroville Facilities Relicensing web site, <http://OrovilleRelicensing.water.ca.gov>. Please visit our web site for additional information on the Oroville Facilities Relicensing Program and related meetings.

Refreshments will be provided during the meeting. For additional information, please call Melanie Baillie at (916) 653-9647.

Enclosure

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Oroville Facilities Relicensing
Plenary Group
Proposed Agenda**

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Desired Outcomes

- *Interim Projects Update and Recommendation from Work Group*
- *Interim Settlement Agreement Language*
- *Update on Proposed Riverbend Park Project*
- *Update on Study Plan Development and Coordination Activities*
- *Next Steps for Plenary Group*

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| I. | Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Objectives | (5:00 – 5:10) |
| II. | Process Updates (inform) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Where We Are▪ Public Scoping Meetings▪ Work Group Abstracts | (5:10 – 5:30) |
| III. | September 24, 2001 Meeting Summary/Action Items (inform) | (5:30 – 5:40) |
| IV. | Update and Recommendation from Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group on Interim Projects (inform) | (5:40 – 6:30) |
| BREAK | | (6:30 – 7:00) |
| V. | Interim Settlement Agreement Task Force (inform and discuss) | (7:00 – 7:30) |
| VI. | Riverbend Park Project – Update for December Action (inform) | (7:30 – 8:15) |
| VII. | Study Plan Development and Coordination Update (inform) | (8:15 – 8:45) |
| VIII. | Action Items and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ December Meeting | (8:45 – 9:00) |

**Department of Water Resources
Oroville Facilities Relicensing (FERC Project No. 2100)
Work Group Meeting Abstracts for September 2001**

Cultural Work Group – September 25, 2001

- Fluctuation Zone Task Force Update:
 - Revised Study Plan distributed.
 - Activity on hold pending completion of agreement with Mooretown enable DWR to hire trainees.
- Revisions to APE discussed with the following potential inclusions, pending outcome of future discussions and information collection: low-flow channel of Feather River; transmission lines to first substation; Feather River below Wildlife Area; various areas that are made accessible due to recreation facility use, but outside the FERC Project boundary.
- Discussed development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Tribes, DWR, and DPR, outlining their working relationship during the relicensing process. Janis Offermann and Art Angle will work to initiate tribal-led committee.
- Reviewed list of studies and coordination needs with other work groups developed by DWR and consulting staff.
- Directed DWR and consulting staff to begin drafting study plans for review by Work Group.
- Next Work Group Meeting: October 23, Berry Creek Rancheria 5:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

Environmental Work Group – September 26, 2001

- Received presentation by USFWS and NMFS on Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation and discussed implications for relicensing process.
- Discussed scope within the context of ESA consultation.
- Discussed Cumulative Effects approach proposed by DWR and consulting staff. Identified a Task Force to develop guidelines for Cumulative Effects analysis as lead for other Work Groups. Draft guidelines would be distributed to other Work Groups for comment. Once approved at the Work Group level, the guidelines would be submitted to Plenary Group for adoption.
- Reviewed the third set of Issue Statements developed by the Task Force.
- Directed DWR and consulting staff to continue drafting study plans for reviewed Issue Statements.
- Next Task Force Meetings:
 - October 12, Oroville Field Division, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Round 1 on Geology and Water Quality, part 1)
 - November 1, Oroville Field Division, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Round 2 on Geology and Water Quality, part 1)
 - October 23, TBD 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Round 1 on Terrestrial and Water Quality, part 2)
 - November 13, Oroville Field Division 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Round 2 on Terrestrial and Water Quality, part 2)
 - October 24, TBD 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Round 1 on Fisheries)
 - November 14, Oroville Field Division 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Round 2 on Fisheries)
- Next Work Group Meeting: November 28, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.